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Rural Health Clinic Association of Washington

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## Volunteers

- Krystal Guzman, President from Island Hospital
- Ashely Waldron, Secretary from Family Care Network
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- Renee' Smith, Member at Large from Summit Pacific
- Dawn Bross, Coordinator from Moses Lake
- Katie Jo Raebel, CPA Honorary Board Member from Wipfli
- Lisa McKay, LAC member from North West Pediatrics
- You!

On July 18, 2017 the Health Care Authority (HCA) was sent a letter from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approving HCA's State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 17-0018. The SPA allows dentists to be paid an encounter rate for dental services provided at an RHC. Allowing Dentists reimbursement based on the clinic encounter rate will open up new avenues of to care for patients in a rural setting. Though we don't have answers to many questions we will be reaching out to the HCA and possibly a dental insurance carrier over the next few months to get more specific details. Thank you to the HCA for supporting dental reimbursement in an RHC!

On June 30, 2017 Governor Jay Inslee approved the state legislature operating budget which including a proviso requiring Medicaid managed care plans to pay the Rural Health Clinics the full encounter rate at the time a claim is filed. This will become effective January 1, 2018 and gives the RHC the option to choose which payment methodology they prefer. The three payment methods will now include APM3, APM4 and full encounter payment at the time of claim payment. The RHCAW, with the help of Seib Policy & Public Affairs, LLC put together this proviso which is expected to reduce the burdensome reconciliation process now used under APM3, as well as prevent RHCs from being initially under paid – or have overpayments recouped years later. The responsibility of reconciliation would be shifted from the individual clinics to the Managed Care Organizations and the HCA.

The RHCAW is also working with the HCA on the current AUP process and possible changes in the near future... STAY TUNED.

HCA seeks input on annual provider survey:

The Health Care Authority has issued a value-based payment survey for providers. The survey will assist HCA in tracking progress toward the statewide goal of paying for value-based care, rather than paying for volume of care.

HCA invites a variety of providers across Washington State, including hospitals, health systems, clinics, tribal health care, behavioral health care, and others, to participate. The intent is to collect one response per organization and that administrators, rather than individual clinicians, fill out the survey on behalf of their organization.

The survey was developed with advice from HCA's Medicaid Value-based Payment (MVP) Action Team, whose members represent a variety of provider organizations, Accountable Communities of Health, and Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs). A similar version of the survey was released to MCOs in June.

The survey is open until August 25.

If you are interested in participating, click here. [<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/provider-vbp-survey-template.xlsx>]

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Save the Date: March 26 – March 28, 2018 Northwest Rural Health Conference will be located on the Eastside. Details will be available soon.